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McCLEANSBORO MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on October 19, 2006, **OSCAR L. DALE**, age 48, of McCleansboro, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **DALE** was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment, was fined \$400, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

OSCAR DALE had previously pleaded guilty to a one count federal indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine.

A co-defendant was previously sentenced to 180 months imprisonment.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County State's Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and other law enforcement agencies directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.